

A MENACE TO THE SOUTH.

President Barrett issues warning to Farmers and Bankers Against Entering Field of Foreign Ownership of Cotton Lands, and Points in Urgent Need of Action.

From the first moment that I was entrusted with the presidency of this great organization, it has always been my effort to avoid the note of the alarmist or the sensationalist.

It has not escaped the attention of the most thoughtful that an English syndicate recently acquired a large acreage of fine cotton lands in one of the central Southern States.

The tacit purpose is to produce cotton on these lands for English spinners, thus avoiding dependence upon the Southern cotton farmer.

It was just one instance, it need not occasion concern.

What is more significant, I am also informed that foreign spinners generally are contemplating the advisability of buying large tracts in the Southern States, and produce their own staple.

Of course, in each one of these cases, the most scientific methods will be employed, as much cotton will be raised to the acre as the fertilizer can extort, rotation and fertilization will be used to retain the richness of the soil, and the latest improved farm machinery will be on the program.

CAROLINA POWER & LIGHT CO.

One of the Two Great Electric Power Companies in North Carolina—What They Are To Do For the Development of the State.

An article in the Manufacturers Record of recent date says that North Carolina is leading all the South in electrical development, and that this section of the country will most probably make more progress in the next few years than New England has made in 25 years.

The finger of prophecy points South today as it has never pointed before. Fifty years ago it was "Go West, young man," but today "Go South" is the utterance of those whose ears, close to the ground, have caught the first vibrations of that which is to come.

No part of the South is more promising of great things than North Carolina. With untold and unlimited possibilities in its climate, soil and water-power, it is today attracting the attention of the thinking world as it looks Southward.

To develop North Carolina, to open it up and thereby draw it together, and to draw from its mighty falls the resident force to turn the wheels, and to give light to the industries that are, and to which men are flocking, there are two great companies at work today with men, machinery, and all the modern devices for dispatching the work and bringing it to completion.

The Piedmont Northern Railway Company, as the great electric railway headed by Mr. J. B. Duke will finally be known, has an important field in central North Carolina—and South Carolina—planned by engineers foremost in their profession as one of the most modern electric railways ever built.

It is not a literary appreciation, but the possession of it is but a literary plan—using printed tissue for his copy. He turns his crank, shuts his book, and the characters of a masterpiece become words of paper and plot, when the copy is played out.

An Acrostic.

There is a great and growing need Here in Henderson—where unholy greed E'er, on the community life doth feed.

Grasping after bubbles! Old men adding troubles! Leaning on their gold! Done forgot growing old!

Let us all together come, Each man for town and home: All he can, push and shove, Fetch us back to God and Love!

What All Wall Street Cannot Buy.

When the school teachers of Chicago propose to collect a cent from every child of school age, to raise three thousand dollars, as a prize for a "national song" to be sung in all the schools of the country, what kind of education these children are receiving in other respects. If there is one thing which our hothouse civilization should have taught us more clearly than another, it is the things worth having are precisely those which money cannot buy.

Could all the wealth of Wall Street buy the Marseillaise? Could we pay a Haydn to write a "Hymn to the Emperor" like the Austrian national anthem? Have we not been obliged to steal the music and even the words of our national songs from other people? And yet the school teachers of Chicago have failed to learn that all our wealth has not been sufficient to buy the thing which their children are taught to believe is within the reach of a few pence.

When shall we get people to realize that some things are spontaneous and cannot be bought with gold or stimulated by legislation? Songs are born in the heart, and not in the breeches-pocket. People are good for reasons beyond the reach of legislation; and neither the law-maker nor the money-maker knows a charm for ninety-five per cent of the sorrows they endure or of the happiness they enjoy.

The great electric company and the great Carolina Power and Light Company, whose field is eastern North Carolina, and whose companion company, the North State Hydro-Electric Company, obtained its franchise in Henderson April 25th, and bought the interests of the Henderson Lighting and Power Company Wednesday last week, are confused in some minds.

OUR TAX SYSTEM ALL WRONG.

By Our Perilous System of Listing Property for Taxation We Are Training Up a Nation of Liars and Tax Dodgers.

Had you ever stopped to think that we as a nation are doing our best to teach dishonesty and lying? We force people to falsify their taxable property list or realize that they are the exceptional George Washington, who cannot tell a lie, and for the heroic deed must pay most of the taxes.

Oh yes, the honest, truthful man gets it hard—and the wonder is that there are so many, for he plunks down his hard earned cash to the county treasurer for taxes, while he knows full well that his neighbors all about him, many times richer than he, get off with a mere bagatelle assessment. And his disgust can only be imagined as he sits in church, and thinks of the rich man in the pew ahead, sneaking almost out of his public duty towards paying for the privilege of being governed and schooled.

It works this way: The person who invests his money in bonds, say, as in the case of an Ohio school teacher who had saved \$1,000. (How could she do it!) She, on the advice of the banker, put it into bonds, and when she received the tax notice of \$37 she was astonished to find that she was \$7 worse off than if she hadn't tried to make her money earn something against the day of need.

That's what comes of being honest and truthful regarding taxable property. Take the case of a man possessing \$1,000 in South Dakota and owing \$5,000. If he tells the truth he is hit for the tax on \$1,000 and does not get an offset for the \$5,000 he owes. In Ohio, Iowa (Iowa just repealed the law), and Kentucky, a person is watched by tax inquisitors, tax ferrets, or tax agents, as they are variously called, and if he does not cough up his taxes, he may get held up by one of the tax pirates. If a tax ferret is honest—yes, if—he may do no greater harm than to make some fellows pay what they otherwise would not, but suppose the ferret isn't honest, he could blackmail individuals and business concerns to a disgraceful degree, and the community is the loser.

Just as true a statement to an assessor may ruin a business that is going through a crisis on nerve, or appearance, or past good repute, so the tax ferret can also wreck business institutions or private reputations or ratings, purposely or not, it does not matter.

We all know that the rich almost wholly escape taxation and the poor get it in the neck good and plenty for the simple reason that the poor are not shrewd enough to dodge taxes, or ratings, or assessments, or poor. So it is the poor men and women (and here we have taxation without representation) and the honest folks who keep the machinery of government greased, and the wealthy element lean back in their cushions and ride free. On the other hand a poor man hasn't a ghost of a show before the law, which he pays for, as against the rich man who uses the law, but doesn't pay much for its support.

Inhabitants of the Holy City Thoroughly Aroused.

Inhabitants of the "Holy City" have been aroused to a point of rioting by the operations of a party of English archaeologists, accused of having excavated beneath the inviolable mosque of Omar and removed relics reputed to include the Ark of the Covenant, the censor and other sacred objects which belonged to the tribes of Israel.

Azmy Bey, the Turkish governor, was mobbed on the streets for supposed complicity in the alleged profanation, and hooted as "a pig." The mosque has been closed and is guarded, pending the arrival from Constantinople of officials of the government, who will make an investigation.

The expedition worked for two years on a large scale, beginning at the village of Siloam, which lies at the southeast end of Jerusalem on the southern slope of Mount of Olives, overlooking the valley of Kedron and the pool of Siloam. The explorers are credited with having excavated a passage from the pool of Siloam toward the place where once stood Solomon's temple, built in 1012 B. C., pillaged and restored and finally destroyed by Titus A. D. 70.

Failing to reach the relics sought, the explorers, according to the alleged confessions of the guards, entered the mosque and after digging six nights spirited away the treasures, "the whereabouts of which," says an Arabic paper, "none know except God and these English."

Mystery surrounds the expedition, whose operations have been of such magnitude as to make it evident that a large sum of money was invested.

Mr. J. Southernland, the mayor-elect, and the members of the new board of aldermen were each duly qualified, and then proceeded to organize for business. The fourth Monday night in each month at 8:30 o'clock was fixed as the regular time of meeting for the next year. The following officers were elected: R. S. McCoin, mayor pro tem; C. E. Stainback, clerk; W. D. Burwell, treasurer; W. H. Wester, tax collector; Silus Powell, street commissioner; M. Pittman, city attorney; M. J. O'Neil, chief fire department; N. M. Parrish, chief of police; J. C. Champion, first assistant policeman; S. D. Sherman and R. D. Langston, night policemen.

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